

OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

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[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its regular reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits for at least the remainder of the present year. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—Ed.]

NEW JERSEY STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

THE regular meeting of the New Jersey State Nurses' Association was held in Paterson, N. J., December 2, 1902.

The morning session was called to order at eleven-fifty-five, the president in the chair. In the absence of the secretary Miss M. E. Sherwood was elected secretary pro tem.

Mrs. O'Neill gave the address of welcome on behalf of the Paterson nurses, and Mrs. Peterson followed with the report of the Committee on Arrangements.

The minutes of last meeting (special), held May 17, 1902, at Newark, N. J., were read and approved, after which the secretary's annual report was read and accepted. The report of the Executive Board showed the usual quarterly meetings held, to which the standing committees presented their reports as follows:

Ways and Means Committee.—March, no report; June, amendments to constitution and by-laws in preparation; September, progress on amendments; December, association duly incorporated.

Membership Committee.—March, no report; June, thirty-seven applications received and action taken by Executive Board; September, no report; December, twenty-eight applications received and action taken by Executive Board, which gave a membership of one hundred and eighty-six.

The Printing Committee's report showed that they had plenty to do, having had printed two hundred membership cards, two hundred and fifty copies of the constitution and by-laws, five hundred copies of the amendments, five hundred membership application blanks, one thousand envelopes and letter-heads, and two hundred copies of the order of business.

The Executive Board held a special meeting April 10 to discuss the advisability of calling a special meeting of the association.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the board in June it was decided to ask the New Jersey State Medical Society for their indorsement of our association. This matter was taken in hand not only by the Executive Board, but by the members in general, and the success was no doubt due to the prompt and energetic work done by members all over the State.

At the quarterly meeting in September, aside from the usual business transacted, a Committee on Arrangements was appointed for the regular meeting of the association, also a Nominating Committee.

The annual meeting of the board was held concurrent with the annual meeting of the association, which closed the business of the board for the year.

The treasurer's report was called for and audited by a committee appointed for the purpose.

The amendments to the constitution and by-laws were then submitted and acted upon.

Adjournment until two P.M.

The afternoon session was called to order at two-forty-five P.M. A motion to the effect that the members be made members of the association corporate was carried. The certificate of incorporation was placed in the care of the secretary. The letter of indorsement from the State Medical Society read to the house was received with much satisfaction. The Ways and Means Committee on Legislation was presented and accepted, the discussion on the chief points to come up later.

The next in the order of business was the election of new members, followed by a recess of ten minutes to allow them to vote, after which business was resumed.

In accordance with the by-law providing that the Nominating Committee shall be appointed from the floor to serve at the next annual election, Mrs. O'Neill, Miss Dwyer, and Miss Brückner were elected.

The secretary read an invitation from Miss Stout, of Trenton, N. J., on behalf of the nurses of Trenton, to hold the next meeting at that place, which was accepted.

Report of Committee on Elections for ensuing year was as follows: President, Miss Irene T. Fallon, Camden, N. J.; first vice-president, Mrs. Janette T. Peterson, Bayonne, N. J.; second vice-president, Miss Ellen Connington, Newark, N. J.; secretary, Miss Effa Fahringer, Camden, N. J.; treasurer, Miss Martha Galatian, Newark, N. J.; trustee and chairman of Ways and Means Committee, Miss Florence Jacobus, Montclair, N. J.; trustee and chairman of Membership Committee, Miss McHale, Newark, N. J.; trustee and chairman of Printing Committee, Miss Martha Cameron, Elizabeth, N. J.

The report of Mrs. d'Arcy Stephen, who was appointed to look up information regarding affiliation with the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, was favorably received, and a motion was passed that the association join.

All other business having been transacted, the subject of legislation was brought before the meeting. To the question as to whether legislation was to be attempted this year or not, Mrs. Peterson replied: "It seems to me that was our principal object in forming a State Association, to obtain legislation for nurses, and now that we are organized and incorporated, it appears the next step to take, and I move that the Ways and Means Committee be instructed to proceed with the business of legislation as far as lies in their power." Motion seconded by Mrs. Stephen and carried.

Attention was called to the fact that the Illinois State Nurses had also decided the question of title as well as the New York State Nurses.

The proposed Illinois bill was read. Letters from the New York State Association and the Virginia State Association were read. The Virginia nurses have not decided upon a title. Here the different titles suggested, "Graduate Nurse," "Registered Nurse," "State Registered Nurse," and "Registered Graduate Nurse," were discussed, but no decision was reached.

The question of State examination was taken up, but, like the title, was not settled.

The small number of members present did not warrant a conclusion to either question without due consideration, and it was suggested to hold a meeting some time in January, when it is expected a larger attendance will be present.

The motion before the house was put and carried.

On motion, it was decided to hold a special meeting in Newark, N. J.

A vote of thanks on behalf of the members was tendered to the Committee on Arrangements and the nurses of Paterson, after which the meeting adjourned.

Owing to delay of officers, caused by a trolley break-down, the morning session was not called until an hour and a half late, consequently the afternoon session was called much later than intended.

The small attendance (the register showed twenty-one names) would seem to indicate a lack of interest, but we are assured this is not the case, as a number of letters were received from members expressing regret that they could not be with us, and in view of the fact that so many expected to take part in the discussion on registration it was planned to call the special meeting to be held in Newark, N. J.

EFFA FAHRINGER, Secretary, per I. F.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR NURSES

THE third annual meeting of the Spanish-American War Nurses, held in Washington, December 1 to 6, 1902, was a most delightful and successful gathering. The members of the society, with the friends who accompanied some of them, made up the required one hundred persons for reduced railroad rates, and most of the party stayed at the Ebbitt House head-quarters.

On Monday morning, December 1, committees from the Daughters of the American Revolution and from the National Auxiliary to the Spanish War Veterans met the nurses at the Ebbitt and escorted them to the Capitol to see the opening exercises of the United States Congress. The afternoon was spent in sight-seeing.

Dr. McGee's reception in the evening was attended by all the members present and their friends and by several notable persons who came to meet them, including members of Congress, officers of the army and navy, physicians, etc. General and Mrs. Sternberg and Mrs. Hawley assisted in receiving, but Senator Hawley was, unfortunately, not well enough to be present. The absence of Professor McGee, due to an unexpected trip to Mexico, was greatly regretted.

The business sessions were opened promptly at ten o'clock, Tuesday morning, December 2, at the Ebbitt House, where all the meetings were held. The attendance was so large that many were obliged to stand. Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee was in the chair.

Right Reverend Henry Satterlee, Bishop of Washington, delivered the invocation, after which Dr. McGee spoke of the pleasure the society had in meeting in Washington, and recalled a remark made to her by Miss Susan B. Anthony to the effect that in Washington women were the equals of the men, because the District of Columbia is peculiar in that no one has the right of suffrage.

The District is governed by a Board of three Commissioners appointed by the President, and the Hon. H. F. B. MacFarland, president of this board, was introduced and extended to the nurses a hearty welcome to the city. A paragraph from his address is as follows:

"There is no place in the country where you will be more welcome than

here, where your commissions were signed, your labors directed, your report received, and where your memorials are preserved for all time to come. A hero of the Spanish War is in the White House to receive you, and all through the War and Navy Departments, as well as in the homes of our people, are those who can especially appreciate your labor of love."

Colonel Urell, commander-in-chief of the Spanish Veterans, was introduced and spoke in keen appreciation of the presence of women nurses in the army and of the great pleasure experienced by the soldiers when they met them at Montauk on their return from Cuba. He declared there was "no medicine like that of a woman's voice, that can do more to save a patient and stop the progress of a fever than all the pills and capsules in the store-houses of the army."

The next speaker was Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, wife of the senior Senator from Indiana and the president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who was welcomed by the nurses rising in a body. Mrs. Fairbanks dwelt on the strong tie between the Daughters and the War Nurses and on the aid the former had been able to extend to the latter, and in conclusion pledged the support of the D. A. R. to the advancement of the life-work of the nurses.

Mrs. Daniel Manning, president-general of the Daughters in 1898, had been invited to be present at the meeting, but sent regrets that she could not be in the city at that time.

The United States Navy was represented at the meeting by Medical Inspector Boyd, who spoke of the efforts of his service to secure a nurse corps similar to that in the army; he spoke briefly of a bill to secure this object, which he had prepared and which had been published in the last annual report of the Surgeon-General of the Navy. His reference to the proposed maximum age for admission as thirty years called forth some amusing debate, some nurses holding that this was much too low a limit, while one of them declared that it was a matter of no consequence, since no nurse was ever over thirty. Dr. McGee explained further that the bill prepared by Dr. Boyd was a very excellent one, offering many advantages beyond what the army provided, and that the committee which she had appointed the day previous had criticised only a few minor details. She felt certain that the society would give its unqualified approval to that bill and would endeavor to have it pass Congress at the earliest possible time. This suggestion meeting with approval, Dr. McGee was authorized to take any action which might be desirable towards securing legislation for the Naval Nurse Corps.*

Recently the National Auxiliary to the Spanish War Veterans has been formed, and Mrs. Flora Lewis, the national president of that organization, was next called upon. Dr. McGee referred to the fact that the nurses could have done nothing had they not had the present "veterans" to work for, and they certainly could have done less than they did had it not been for the army of women who were not able to go to the field like themselves, but who did everything in their power to further the hospital work. Mrs. Lewis extended greetings from her society, which highly appreciated the work of the nurses, and after

* The Naval Nurse Corps bill was introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, December 3, and referred to the Naval Committee. It was then, in accordance with custom, referred to the Secretary of the Navy, and is still (December 16) under consideration in the Navy Department. The details of the bill have been objected to as being too greatly superior (for the nurses) to what was offered in the army, and when the bill is returned to the Senate committee it will in all probability be more like the existing army law than like the bill prepared by Dr. Boyd.

explaining the eligibility clause, which provides that nurses should be eligible to membership, she invited every member of the Spanish-American War Nurses to become a member of the auxiliary.

Mrs. Dita H. Kinney, Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, was invited to address the society, and in doing so she extended to the members an invitation to call upon her at her office in the War Department, where, she added, she was glad to see them at all times.

Dr. McGee here stated that the army nurses of the Civil War had held their annual meeting in Washington last September, and that she had been most cordially received by them, and had extended to them greetings of the Spanish-American War Nurses. They in return had sent their greetings and good wishes to the younger society. It had been asked how many women were in the Civil War hospitals or on the field at work during the long years of that war, and they replied that they had endeavored to collect a list of such nurses, dietists, etc., and had succeeded in obtaining the names of six hundred women. Dr. McGee referred to the great difference between this number and the fifteen hundred trained nurses who had served in the Spanish War, although the latter had lasted but a few months. It was practically the first war in which women had participated since the general establishment of training-schools, and it was a pleasure to know that since then the value of the work of the professional woman had been appreciated and recognized in the South African War.

The audience next listened attentively to an interesting address from General Sternberg, Surgeon-General of the Army during the war, and until his retirement in June last. The general explained his idea at the beginning of the war, that the women nurses would be used at the large hospitals, but that they could not be expected to follow a moving army in the field. It was for this reason that women were not sent to the camp until their hospitals were made practically stationary by the outbreak of typhoid fever epidemic, when trained nurses became indispensable. He paid a high tribute to Dr. McGee's work for the nurses, which was recognized by the audience giving her a rising vote of thanks at the close of his address. Dr. McGee in reply stated that General Sternberg had modestly failed to mention his own acts, for which the nurses should be deeply grateful. In April, 1898, just at the time when war was declared, the Surgeon-General had of his own initiative and without suggestion from anyone asked from Congress and received an appropriation for the payment of contract nurses, either male or female. Had he not done this, the Nurse Corps could have had no existence, and so it should never be forgotten that however much the Surgeon-General may have been assisted by others, the first and fundamental action towards the recognition of women nurses in the army was taken by Surgeon-General Sternberg.

Mr. L. W. Dyer, the adjutant-general of the National Society of Spanish War Veterans, having entered the room, was invited to address the society, and spoke of his own wish that there might be some sort of affiliation of the nurses' society with that of the soldiers for whom they had cared. He referred also to his own gratitude towards the nurses who had tended him in the general hospital at Montauk.

Mrs. Flora Lewis had a word of hope that the societies having the Spanish War as a common tie might be drawn closer together.

Dr. Laura A. C. Hughes rose to remark that no binding alliance was desired by the War Nurses, but that she favored some mutual recognition that would enable the societies to work along common lines when desirable.

On motion of Miss Susie Saunders, the president was authorized to appoint a committee of ten, representing different parts of the United States, to confer with committees from the Society of Veterans and its auxiliary regarding affiliation.

Letters were then read from the vice-presidents of the society who were unable to be present and some other members who had sent greetings.

After this reports from the five camps were called for. Camp Liberty Bell, of Philadelphia, responded through Miss Rebecca Jackson, its captain. Camp Hope, of Rhode Island, also responded. Dr. Hughes, captain of Camp McKinley, in Boston, in reporting spoke of the desire of the camp to change its name to Camp Roger Wolcott. Miss Elizabeth Hewitt, captain of Camp Anita Newcomb McGee, of Washington, made her report; but the newest addition to the list, Camp Golden Gate, whose head-quarters are the Presidio at San Francisco, was not heard from. (These reports will be published later.)

The president then announced in detail the programme for the week, so far as it was completed, referring especially to the trip to the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va., which was to be made in 'busses that afternoon, and called upon Miss Elizabeth Bryant Johnston, the historian, and chairman of the D. A. R. Committee on Courtesies to Nurses, who gave briefly the history of Arlington, which had been the home of the Lee family before the Civil War and was afterwards bought by the government and used as the National Cemetery for the army and navy. In this cemetery a site has been especially set apart for burial of nurses who served in the Spanish War.

The announcement that both the President and Mrs. Roosevelt had invited the members of the society to the White House on Thursday morning was accompanied by the explanation that this was the first reception of the kind to be held in the White House proper since what may be called its reconstruction. The White House has long been too small for use both as a residence and business office of the Executive, and an annex has just been completed in which the President and his secretaries now conduct their business. The interior of the White House itself has been remodelled, greatly altered, and entirely redecorated, and, indeed, this work has not as yet been completed. The reception of the nurses in this building is therefore particularly noteworthy.

A desire was expressed to settle at once the question of the costume to be worn at the White House and other official receptions, and Miss Jackson moved that uniforms be worn. After discussion, in which the desire to do honor to superior officers by appearing in professional garb was emphasized, the motion was carried by a very large majority.

Mrs. Lounsbury, the corresponding secretary, announced the deaths of three members, Miss Lillian Warren, Miss Cynthia Moore, and Miss Mary E. Keller. A letter from Miss Keller, who had died only four days before the meeting, was read. In it she sent greetings to the members of the society, and said that although unable to be present in person, she would be with them in spirit. (The obituaries of these nurses will appear later.)

A long list of marriages of members of the society was also read, and Mrs. Lounsbury reported, as secretary of the Committee on Admission, the names of nurses who had applied for membership during the year.

After lunch the nurses were driven across the Potomac River to Arlington. They were met at the gate by the superintendent of the cemetery, who escorted

them to the house and over the grounds, and showed them the various points of interest, the Quartermaster-General of the Army having directed that every courtesy be extended. On the way a funeral cortège bearing the remains of soldiers who had died in the Philippines, and who were to be buried in the National Cemetery, was passed. The plot assigned to the Spanish War Nurses has a beautiful site, and in the corner of it the ground has already been prepared for the erection of the monument which this society proposes to erect to the memory of their deceased comrades.

Just outside the gate to Arlington is the Post of Fort Myer, and at its hospital Major Davis and his assistants were ready to greet the nurses. Major Davis had been commanding officer of the large general hospital which was established at this point in 1898, and since his experience at that time his appreciation and gratitude towards the trained nurses has been very great.

Tuesday evening was given over to reminiscences; but before beginning the president announced the committee of ten on affiliation with the Spanish War Veterans, Miss Saunders being appointed chairman. Miss Elizabeth Stack presented, with the compliments of Major Reynolds, printed programmes of the drill to be given by the Hospital Corps in honor of the nurses at Washington Barracks on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Lounsbery, who held the reminiscence bag, read several interesting and amusing letters from absent members. Following these, a long and most delightful evening was spent in talking over old times. Without a verbatim report no idea can be given of the spirit of the meeting or of the mingling of laughter, applause, and tears which caused everyone to regret that any of the war nurses should be absent and unable to join in the reunion. Among those who contributed to the meeting were Miss Biermann, Dr. Hughes, the Misses Dellworth, Weber, Saunders, Russell, Hasson, Waddell, Robbins, Walton, Stack, Jackson, and Hanbury.

At the close of the evening Mrs. Brinton, president of the Civil War Nurses' Association, spoke briefly, drawing a comparison between the work rendered so long ago and that of the younger nurses of the Spanish-American War, and remarked that she might tell stories of the work in the hospitals and on the field in the Civil War which would detain them until the early morning hours, but that she had come instead simply to see and to hear of the war work done by the younger generation. Dr. McGee requested Mrs. Brinton to convey the cordial greetings of the Spanish-American War Nurses to the members of her association, and the evening meeting was finally adjourned at eleven o'clock.

At nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, December 3, the officers of the society were obliged to hold a committee meeting, but most of the members accepted the invitation from General Sternberg to visit under his personal escort some of the rows of model tenements erected in Washington by the Sanitary Improvement Company, of which the general is president. At eleven o'clock the business session, for members only, was called to order with Dr. McGee in the chair. Several announcements were made, and a letter addressed to Dr. McGee by Mrs. Luer was read, asking if the nurse could be found who cared for her son, Joseph A. Luer, during his last illness. He died at Ponce, Porto Rico, in September, 1898, and his mother asked for some particulars of his death in a way which brought tears to the eyes of all present. Although several nurses were present who had served at the Ponce hospital in September, none of them recognized the name. It is hoped, however, that someone will do so and will communicate with Dr. McGee.

Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, an officer of the Spanish War Veterans' Auxiliary, was announced and said she wished to say a few words to the nurses regarding the conditions which prevail in Russia, to which country she had recently paid a visit as a delegate to the Red Cross Conference. Nursing in Russia is taken up by ladies who wish to perform a charitable deed, and training is practically unknown. Mrs. Foster emphasized her appreciation of the word "professional," used in connection with trained nursing, and said that in her opinion the work of no other profession did so much for the advancement of the cause of women as did that of the trained nurse. At the close of her remarks a rising vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Foster.

The business meetings will be reported fully next month.

Wednesday evening a party of nurses accepted the invitation from Captain Chester to visit the Naval Observatory on the outskirts of Washington. Professor King escorted the party to the various buildings and showed them not only the outside of the instruments, but also invited them to look at some stars through the great telescope.

One of the very interesting features of the meeting was the reception tendered the society on Wednesday evening by the District Corps of the Spanish War Veterans in their own hall. A delegation from the veterans personally escorted the nurses from the Ebbitt House to the hall, which was filled with old soldiers, many of whom gave visible evidence of the wounds they had received. Brief addresses were delivered by Colonel Urell, the national commander-in-chief, Major Hodgson, corps-commander of the District of Columbia, Rev. Couden, the blind chaplain of the House of Representatives, Mrs. Flora Lewis, Dr. McGee, Miss Hanberry, and others. Refreshments were served and many individual greetings were exchanged. Several of the nurses found old patients among the veterans, and no heartier welcome could have been received than was extended by the numerous hosts of the occasion.

ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE.

(To be continued.)

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL NURSES IN NEW YORK CITY

ON December 1 Dr. Lederle, Health Commissioner, appointed a staff of nurses, eleven in number, as officers of the Board of Health to continue the work in the public schools. Miss Rogers, who began and who continues in charge as supervising nurse, makes the twelfth. The nurses appointed were Miss Munn, graduate of the New York Hospital; Miss Andrews, Presbyterian; Miss Gregg, New York City; Miss Johnson, Mt. Sinai; Miss Oakley, Bellevue; Miss Price, New York Hospital; Mrs. Summerville, graduate of Hamilton Hospital with post-graduate work in the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary; Miss Halberstadt, German Hospital; Miss Thistle, Miss Wennstrom, and Miss Dean, of the Brooklyn Hospital. The three latter nurses are stationed in Brooklyn. They are all enthusiastic over the work, which consists in going daily to each school in turn, dressing all such minor cases as the doctor has ordered to them, and afterwards visiting the excluded cases in their homes and instructing the mother, if necessary, and keeping records of when they return. The excluded eye cases go each day to the nurse at the hour when she is in the school to have the drops in the eyes.

Each nurse has four schools, and the cases number sometimes as high as seventy-five in a school. This month's work is intended as a demonstration to the public. It remains to be seen whether it will be established permanently.

L. D. W.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW JERSEY SOCIETY

A SPECIAL meeting of the New Jersey State Nurses' Association will be held at the Parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association, Clinton Street near Broad, Newark, N. J., on Monday, January 19, 1903, at half-past two o'clock.

A large attendance is desired, as the proposed nurses' bill for legislation will be submitted and the question of title decided. Following are some of the titles suggested at the annual meeting: "Registered Nurse," "Graduate Nurse," "Registered Graduate Nurse," and "State Registered Nurse."

IRENE T. FALLON,
President New Jersey State Nurses' Association, Camden, N. J.

NEW YORK STATE MEETING

THE next quarterly meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association will be held at the Academy of Medicine, 17 West Forty-third Street, New York City, on Tuesday, January 20, 1903, at ten and two o'clock.

In addition to the regular routine business there will be addresses by leading medical men and others on the subject of State registration.

Pleasant places for ladies to stay are the Margaret Louise Home, 14 East Sixteenth Street; the St. Denis Hotel, Ninth and Broadway; the Westminster Hotel, Sixteenth Street and Irving Place, within a block of Union Square.

Rooms should be secured in advance.

ELIZABETH C. SANFORD, Secretary.
149 CHESTNUT STREET, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOSTON.—The Boston City Hospital Nurses' Club will hold on January 6 the "Quarter-Centennial of the Boston City Hospital Training-School for Nurses." Dr. Edward Cowles, who was in charge of the City Hospital when the school was organized, and Miss Linda Richards, under whose wise supervision the school was established, will make the addresses of the evening. At the February meeting there will be a "Fireside Talk," for which letters from absent members are asked; at the March meeting there will be a discussion on "The Nurse of the Future;" April, an "X-Ray Treatment" lecture by Dr. F. H. Williams, and at the last meeting of the season there will be a reception to the delegates of the Associated Alumnae when that convention is held (date is not yet fixed).

ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING Company, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company (Grill Room), 299 Henry Street, Borough of Manhattan, City, County, and State of New York, on Thursday, January 15, 1903, at two o'clock in the afternoon. Books for the transfer of stock will be closed January 5, 1903, and from that date to January 16.

ANNE DRAYO VAN KIRK, Secretary.

NEW CLUB-ROOMS

OWING to increased membership and, consequently, increased demands upon it, the Boston Nurses' Club has been obliged to give up its rooms in Warren Chambers and remove to larger quarters.

A very pleasant suite has been fitted up, where it is hoped club members will be made comfortable and where the business of the registry may be done with ease and dispatch.

The club is "at home" to its friends at 755 Boylston Street, Suite 9.

COURSE IN HOSPITAL ECONOMICS

MISS ALLINE's report of the work of the Class in Hospital Economics contains the following:

"The excursions for the month were, first, the Nurses' Settlement. This is always one of the most interesting visits, possibly because it is carried on entirely by nurses, and then there is always something new; no matter what the class has heard, there is something they never thought of, and it is a surprise to them to see how much there is in the work. Trip number two, St. Mary's Free Hospital for Children. Number three, State Hospital on Ward's Island.

"The course in the catalogue under the title 'Home Sanitation and Management' is to be greatly changed next year. It is to be practically two classes. The first will be 'Home Sanitation and Mechanics,' and the main topics will be site, soil, foundation, structure, plumbing, water-supply, disposal of waste, heating, ventilation, and the practical mechanics necessary to understand how to manage the furnace, boiler, gas, electric lighting and heating, and the ordinary laundry machinery.

"I believe this will prove to be an excellent course as elective for our students. Knowing the hours for that course this year were impossible for our class, I have asked that we be considered when the next schedule is made up.

"The work has gone on quietly this month, and there is little to report. Their practice teaching under Dr. Wood is one of their chief pleasures."

THE New York Post-Graduate Hospital Nurses' Club, 120 East Thirty-first Street, has issued the following circular to its members:

"Stated meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, at three-thirty P.M. Tea will be served to members and their friends at four o'clock.

"Annual dues are payable November 1, and each nurse is asked to send her amount as soon as possible to Mrs. Mae L. Cole, acting treasurer, at the club address.

"The alumnae enters the State Society this month, and all graduates who desire to become members of that organization—and, of course, every nurse living in the State will wish to be—should send with her dues ten cents, the fee per capita for admission to the New York State Nurses' Association if you enter through your club. If you are already a member in good standing and your annual dues are paid, the dime may be sent to Miss Belle Thomas, chairman of the committee on that fund, at the club address.

"Now about this State Society: Are you doing anything to further so important a work, than which nothing of more moment to you has hitherto been agitated? You think it disgraceful that the woman who, after a trial of a month, more or less, is dismissed from your hospital, having been found wanting in much that is womanly and nurse-like, should be given employment,—indeed, kept more constantly employed than you, possibly, with your record of three-years' careful training. Granted that it is disgraceful, that that woman is a menace to the profession of nursing, to the medical profession, but most of all to the public, what can you do to do away with such a state of affairs? Nothing as an individual. Nurses frequently say 'The doctors should see to it that such women are not put on cases.' Do you really think that if you yourself do not care enough for the diploma you have worked and studied for three years to obtain to work for State laws that will place your calling on a professional basis and protect you, that the busy man of the medical profession, who has already worked ten or more years to obtain protection for himself, should pick you up and carry you along?

"You are not asked to do the work of construction—the organization is formed. Will you not put your shoulder to a wheel already turning, even if it is only to talk to your public in the home and the institution? The public needs only to have the matter placed before it in its true light to realize its own danger from Jane Toppan and her prototypes, so when our bill for the registration of the graduate nurse comes before the Legislature of our State, people will be conversant with what we are asking, and, realizing that it is for the good of the medical profession, the good of the public, and of ourselves, will gladly further our interests and their own by urging the passage of our bill.

"In sending the dimes, please send name and permanent address in full.

"Your attention is called to another circular under this cover,—the announcement of the study course for the winter. The nurses of New York cannot fail to realize what a wonderful return they are to have in this course for a minimum outlay. Every member in good standing may have a ticket for the course by applying at the club; this she is entitled to through her paid-up membership.

"M. E. THORNTON,

"120 East Thirty-first Street.

"December 12, 1902."

REGULAR MEETINGS

NEW YORK.—Someone has said, "And you wish a thing done, give it in the hands of a busy man or woman." Much, then, should be accomplished by the New York nurses during the next few weeks, for full their time certainly will be. The lecture course will be begun, as has been previously announced, on Monday, January 5, at half-after-three, and continued for twelve successive Monday afternoons. The members of the Brooklyn Hospital Alumnae have invitations out for the afternoon of January 6 in their alumnae-rooms.

The State Society too will demand its share of time, and a local Committee on Entertainment is at work arranging for some social events while the members are in town.

The members of the New York Alumnae, with those of the other alumnae who were fortunate enough to be able to attend, had the pleasure of listening to Mrs.

James E. Newcomb, president of the Board of Directors of the Stoney Wold Sanatorium.

Mrs. Newcomb spoke of the great need for the immediate equipment of Stoney Wold, of the many letters received by the board from patients who were anxious to be admitted, among these letters not a few bearing the signatures of graduate nurses, and it had occurred to the speaker that nurses might further the interests of the sanatorium by acquainting the people with whom they came in contact of its purpose and the great need for that purpose to be carried out. Mrs. Newcomb went on to explain the forming of auxiliaries pledged to raise six hundred dollars, the amount necessary for the building and equipment of a bedroom, the room to be named by the donor, and thought possibly such an auxiliary might be formed by the nurses of New York.

While Orange is not New York, still, it is one of the three alumnæ in New Jersey associated with the National, consequently we feel personally interested in the splendid result of their work in the matter of establishing the Isolation Infirmary, the dedication of which is given in detail in another column. "They also serve who only stand and wait" is so often the creed we have to content ourselves with, that on this occasion of a splendid, apparent, speaking result we shower congratulations upon the Orange Alumnæ.

CHICAGO.—A special business meeting of St. Luke's Alumnæ Association was held Thursday, December 5, for the purpose of voting upon the matter of investment of the endowment fund recently raised by the personal effort of Miss Harriet Fulmer, which met the requirement of a conditional gift from Mrs. Edward Dudley Kenna. Too much cannot be said in praise of Miss Fulmer's effort, and the vast amount of work involved is surely appreciated by the nurses, who realize how limited is Miss Fulmer's time for such effort, and know that she gave up the best of her vacation to the work. The meeting called out a better attendance than usual, so that there was a reasonably large voice in the decision reached to refer the matter of investment to a committee consisting of two prominent business men, Mr. James L. Houghteling and Mr. A. H. Mulliken, and three nurses, Miss Harriet Fulmer, Miss May Draper, and Miss Marie Rohrer, who will report back to the Board of Directors three or four possible investments, limited to bonds or mortgages, at which time the Board of Directors will have power to act finally.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Miss Ellen Kenney, who has been engaged in district work for the past three years, has a six-months' leave of absence, which she will spend in El Paso, Tex. Miss Kenney has been a very active worker in the Alumnæ Association and Nurses' Club, as well as in the district work, and her many friends hope she will be greatly benefited by this much-needed rest.

ERIE, PA.—A new Graduate Nurses' Association has been organized at Erie, Pa., with the following officers: President, Miss M. Fuessler; vice-president, Miss G. Swaisby; secretary, Miss A. Metz; treasurer, Miss L. Betz.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—On February 8 a number of nurses, members of the Spanish-American War Nurses' organization, met together at Dr. McGee's home, Washington, D. C., for the purpose of forming a camp. It was decided to call said camp "Anita Newcomb McGee," and the necessary permit to do so was forwarded to the secretary of the Spanish-American War Nurses' society. It was decided to hold meetings at stated periods, and the officers of the camp were then elected to serve for one year from date of organization. The evening was very delightfully spent in social intercourse, refreshments being served by our hostess, and the hours passing all too swiftly for those present. A second meeting was called on May 10 and was held at the residence of Dr. McGee, and a new member was added. The third meeting, held at the home of Miss Hewitt, also brought additions to the list and a very interesting evening, in which papers on various subjects were read. The one relating to "Army Nursing" by Dr. McGee appealed particularly to all present. The fourth meeting was held at the home of Miss Flynn, and the meeting was called to order by Miss Hewitt, our C. O., who directed that the roll be called, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and the business of the evening attended to, including the admission of five new members, making fourteen active members on the roll. Of course, all are not able to be present, and regrets are usually sent, but we hope in the near future to be able to get in touch with one another to some extent and keep up the comradeship formed in '98 in camp and field. All members of the Spanish-American War Nurses are eligible to one of these camps, and a cordial invitation is hereby extended to any comrade living in nearby towns or cities where no camp has been organized to join the ranks of "Camp Anita Newcomb McGee."

By order E. M. HEWITT, Captain.

E. STACK, Adjutant and Secretary.

DUBUQUE, Ia.—In January, 1902, the Graduate Nurses' Association of Dubuque was organized. We now have four honorary and twenty-one active members, representing eight different schools. Meetings are held the last Monday in the month from September to June. The officers are: President, Miss Grace E. Baker; first vice-president, Miss Katherine McKinnon; second vice-president, Mrs. Gertrude Christman; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Rumpf; secretary, Miss Mary Stotz. The organization controls a nurses' directory, which is kept in one of the leading drug stores.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The regular monthly meeting of the Brooklyn Hospital Association Alumnæ was held at the Training-School, Tuesday, December 2. Twenty-four members were present. Three new names were proposed and accepted for membership. An interesting letter was read from one of our absent members giving an account of her trip to New Mexico, where she is spending the winter. Through two of our nurses a small donation of money has been presented to our alumnæ, to be used in whatever way thought best. After discussion it was decided to make it a nucleus for an endowment fund. It was proposed and unanimously carried that we invite the alumnæ of all the different schools to meet with us socially on Tuesday afternoon, January 6, at the Training-School. The meeting was then adjourned.

ORANGE, N. J., ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION.—An informal tea was given by the Alumnæ Association of the Orange Training-School for Nurses to the graduating Class of 1902 on Saturday, November 22, at 1 Evergreen Place, East Orange, from four to six P.M. Owing to the recent change in the course from two to three years there were only three who had completed that term, Miss Borst, Miss Carmen, and Miss Wellington. Miss McCormick and Miss Atwood will shortly be out of the school. Fully fifty members were present at this very pleasant gathering, and it is hoped to enroll the entire class among the members.

BOSTON.—Twenty-three members answered to the roll-call at the November meeting of the Nurses' Alumnæ Association of the Massachusetts General Hospital. Four applicants were elected to membership. A committee was appointed to meet with a committee of the Alumnæ Association of the Boston City Hospital to consider the advisability of State legislation. At the close of the business meeting there was a fine musical and literary programme, prepared by the Entertainment Committee, after which refreshments were served.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The first meeting of the Garfield Alumnæ was held at the Garfield Memorial Hospital on October 14, 1902. Miss Nevins, the superintendent, gave a tea. Over forty were present and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. At Garfield Hospital on November 10 Dr. Anna Wilson gave an interesting talk on "District Nursing," telling of the history, methods, and needs of the work, it being the first of a series of lectures which the doctors have consented to give to the alumnæ. The alumnæ has decided to continue giving the "Talks to Mothers," which they have given for a number of years past, under the auspices of the Christ Child Society. Miss Robinson, a recent graduate, has been appointed nurse at the Phœbe Hearst Industrial School. Miss Jean Allen has returned from the Philippine Islands. Miss Mary Gannon is still in Europe.

CHICAGO.—The yearly work of St. Luke's Alumnæ Association of Chicago began with the regular business meeting the third Wednesday in September. The October and November meetings were each preceded by a delightfully interesting and instructive talk. At the former Dr. William Allen Pusey explained quite fully the recent use of the "X-ray" as a curative agent, exhibiting photographs of cases treated, and at the November meeting, Wednesday, the 19th, the nurses had the pleasure of listening to Mrs. Charles Henrotin tell of the Consumers' League, some of the existing conditions brought to light by their energy, especially regarding the sweat-shops, what they are accomplishing in the way of reform, both in Illinois and elsewhere, and something of their plans for future work. These talks are followed by the regular business meeting. At the December meeting, which occurs the third Wednesday of the month, the association anticipates hearing Mrs. Ella Moore, of the University of Chicago, on "Romola."

KINGS COUNTY, N. Y.—A meeting of the Graduate Nurses of Kings County was held in the Brooklyn Hospital Training-School Thursday, December 4, 1902, the president, Miss Montieth, in the chair. At a meeting held in November a committee was appointed to prepare suitable by-laws for the association. The committee appointed were the Misses Waterman, Clark, Coombs, and Parry, of the

County Alumnæ, and Mrs. M. Abbott, of the New York City Training-School, for the resident members. At the December meeting the by-laws were presented for consideration. The same were adopted with a few amendments. The association will hold four regular meetings during the year. And according to its by-laws a Nominating Committee was appointed to prepare a list of names of officers to be elected at the next meeting. The Nominating Committee appointed were Miss Hughes, Miss Clark, Miss Waterman, Miss Sutcliffe for the County Alumnæ, and for the resident members Miss McCauley, of St. John's Hospital, Lowell, Mass. The first regular meeting will be held in March, 1903, when the report of the Nominating Committee will be presented and the permanent officers elected. The Graduate Nurses' Association of Kings County, N. Y., will then be organized.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The Alumnæ Association of University Hospital held its regular monthly meeting Monday, December 1, 1902, at three P.M. in the board-room, University Hospital, the president in the chair. Twenty-one members responded. After general discussion, the proposed "sale" in aid of the "Endowed Room Fund" was dropped by a unanimous vote. A committee of five members was appointed by the president for the printing of constitutions with the amendment to Article VIII, the proposed amendment to Article III being rejected. A committee of five members was appointed to provide for a post-graduate course at University Hospital. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Dr. J. William White for the tickets to the army and navy football game sent to the alumnæ officers.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The Philadelphia County Nurses' Association held its regular monthly business meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 1902, at the New Century Club, Twelfth Street below Chestnut, with the president, Miss Walker, in the chair. There were three new members elected. A motion was made and carried that tickets of admission be printed and sold to non-members for the lectures given by Professors Quinn and Weygandt every Wednesday afternoon. These tickets can be purchased from members at any time, or at the New Century Club on Wednesdays, at three P.M., after January 1, 1903. Tickets for six lectures can be had for fifty cents, or ten cents a single ticket. A motion was made and carried that a committee of seven be appointed by the president to arrange for the social events of the winter.

MARRIAGES

IN Boston, Mass., on November 7, 1902, Miss Flora B. Patch, graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School for Nurses, to Mr. Albert D. Early. Mr. and Mrs. Early will reside in Rockford, Ill.

IN Brooklyn, on July 26, Miss Olga Pedersen, graduate of Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, Class of 1894, to Dr. Franklin N. Murphy, of Staatsburg, N. Y.

ON November 19, 1902, Miss E. Dessie Kimble, graduate of the Cooper Hospital School, Camden, N. J., to Mr. William S. Barnard, of Collingswood, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard will reside in Collingswood.

AT Collinwood, Ont., November 1, 1902, Miss Catherine Mitchell, Class of 1901, Toronto General Hospital, to Mr. David Hood, V.S., of Midland.

At Orange, N. J., November 29, Miss M. E. Dickerson, Class of 1902, Orange Training-School, to Mr. T. Cadwallader, of Philadelphia.

At Epworth Hospital Church, Norfolk, Va., December 17, Miss M. T. Edwards, graduate of St. Vincent's Hospital Training-School, Class of 1900, to Dr. J. J. Miller

OBITUARY

DIED, at Rhode Island Hospital, September 30, 1902, Miss Helena Sheehan. Miss Sheehan was a graduate of the Rhode Island Hospital Training-School, Class of 1897. We, her sister nurses, mourn her loss and feel that by her death we have a lost a sincere friend and the profession a highly esteemed member.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Rhode Island Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association:

"WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved associate, Miss Helena Sheehan; be it therefore

"*Resolved*, That while we bow in submission to the Divine Will, it is with a sense of personal loss, shared by all her friends.

"*Resolved*, That her many sterling qualities endeared her to all who knew her.

"*Resolved*, That we tender to her family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, printed in the nursing journals, and recorded in the minutes of the association.

"MARY C. CHACE,

"MARY A. LOGAN,

"ISABEL G. FRASER,

"Committee."

WITH deep sorrow we announce the death of our sister nurse, Clara M. Praray, on December 5, 1902, after a long illness which was borne with great patience. Miss Praray graduated from the Rhode Island Hospital Training-School in 1896, and during her five-years' work as private nurse won the love and esteem of her patients.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Rhode Island Hospital Alumnae Association, extend our heartfelt sympathy to her sister, other relatives, and friends.

Resolved, That a copy of the above be sent to her relatives, also published in THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING and the *Trained Nurse*, and recorded in the minutes of the society.

WILHELMINA W. SIEVERTS,

ETHEL T. MASON,

HARRIET LOUGHHEAD,

Committee.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His wise providence to call our friend and associate, Miss Lotta Munro, unto Himself, be it

Resolved, (1) That we, the nurses of the Rhode Island Hospital Training-School, bow in deep submission to God's will.

(2) That we feel that through her sudden departure we have lost a true and faithful friend, and that our school has been deprived of one who through her zeal and love for and fidelity to the noble profession she had chosen gave every promise of reaching preëminence in that profession.